

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges receipt of a non-final Office Action dated September 3, 2008.

Further, Applicant amends claims 1 to 10, thereby increasing clarity thereof, and cancels claim 11, without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 12 to 16 are also added by this amendment.

Applicant believes that the amendment places the remaining claims n° 1 to 10 and 12 to 16, in condition for allowance and that the following remarks are fully responsive to the outstanding office action.

Summarized explanation of the amendments to the claims/**Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 and under 35 U.S.C. 103*****Claim 1***

The following subject-matter, formerly presented in the first paragraph of page 3 of the original disclosure, has been added as a new limitation to claim 1 :

- At least one of the interior walls has an exterior face having an illustration or marking;
- The illustration or marking is visible through the opening in the exterior wall.

These original features were identified in the original disclosure as contributing to provide “*an effect of “depth” that creates a very elegant and sophisticated display*”.

These features are not taught nor suggested by any one of the pieces of art of record. A prima facie case of obviousness thus cannot be established. Henceforth, claim 1 now delimits novel and inventive subject-matter. Because claims 2 to 10 and 12 to 13 are dependent upon claim 1, these claims are allowable as well, at least by reason of this dependency.

It is thus believed that this amendment overcomes all of the rejections presented in the outstanding office action, both under 35 U.S.C. 102 and under 35 U.S.C. 103.

Nonetheless, to further clarify the subject-matter of claim 1, with a view to expedite prosecution, the following additional amendments have also been entered :

- The box is now referred to as a paper dispenser; and
- A rectangular-prism-shaped paper-receiving compartment has now been defined as delimited by the four interior walls;

These additional amendments to claim 1 are believed to further clarify the subject-matter being claimed.

Claim 2

The office action rejected former claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Swink (US Patent 5,673,847).

As discussed above, it is believed that claim 2 is now made allowable given the amendments to claim 1, from which it depends.

Nonetheless, the following additional amendments have also been entered :

- The slot extends downwardly;
- From the top of both one of the exterior walls and a corresponding one of the interior walls;
- To provide digital access to paper in the paper-receiving compartment.

This is believed to clarify the subject-matter being claimed. Because these additional features are neither taught nor suggested by Swink, nor any of the other pieces of art of record, it is believed that new claim 2 is further made novel and inventive in view of the above.

Claims 3 to 10

As discussed above, it is believed that claims 3 to 10 are now made allowable given the amendments to claim 1, from which they depend.

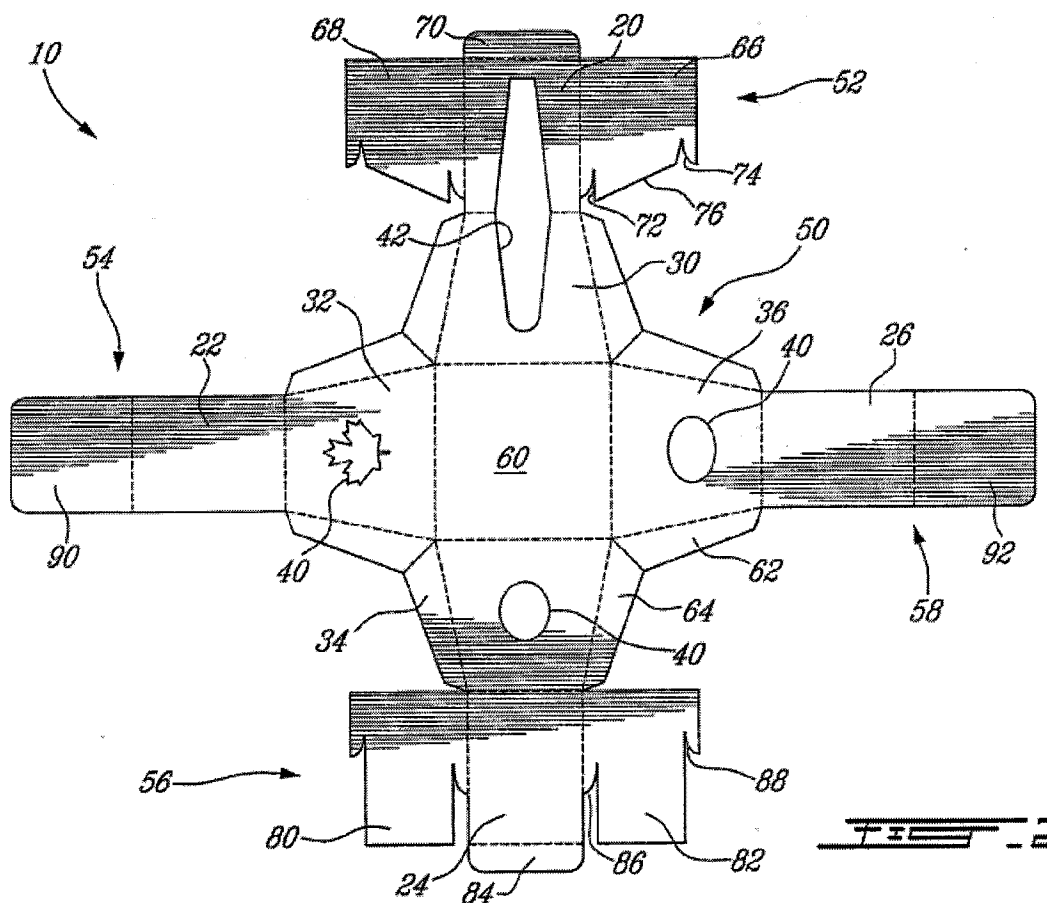
Furthermore, the change from “box” to “paper dispenser” made in claim 1 has been reflected by corresponding amendment to each of claims 3 to 10.

With respect to former claims 5 and 6, additional amendments have been carried out to provide further clarity in the subject-matter being claimed.

New claims 12 and 13

As discussed above, new claims 12 and 13 depend indirectly from claim 1, and are thus allowable given the amendments to claim 1.

New claim 12 is dependent from claim 5. It clarifies further subject matter relating to the folding of the flaps. Fig. 2 is reproduced below for ease of reference :



- There are two pairs of opposed side portions : a first pair having side portions 52 and 56, and a second pair having side portions 54 and 58.
- Each side portion (52, 56) of the first pair has two opposite lateral section (66, 68; 80, 82); and a flap (70, 84).
- The lateral sections (66, 68; 80, 82) interlockingly engage once folded.
- The flaps (70, 84) come into abutment with corresponding ones of the exterior walls (30, 40) once folded, and thereby maintain the interior walls in position along one axis.

Further, new claim 13 further specifies the following features :

- Each side portion (54, 58) of the second pair has a flap (90, 92) which precisely fits between the four inner walls when folded against the bottom of said box.

It is believed that the aforementioned features which are included in new claims 12 and 13 are not taught nor suggested in either one of the pieces of art of record. Henceforth, it is believed that notwithstanding their dependency to allowable claim 1 new claims 12 and 13 would additionally define novel and inventive subject matter by reason of these additional features alone.

New claims 14 to 16

New claim 14 is a new independent claim which brings in all of the limitations of claim 1 as amended except for those related to the visibility of the illustrations or markings through the opening, and which further carries all of the limitations of claims 5, 12 and 13, as they now stand.

Applicant believes that new claim 14 is also allowable at least given the discussion provided above with relation to new claims 12 and 13.

Claims 15 and 16 are dependent from claim 14, and are thus allowable at least by reason of this dependency. Claim 15 carries in the subject-matter related to the visibility of the illustrations or markings through the opening, whereas Claim 16 carries in the limitations of Claim 2 as it now stands.

Objections to the specification

The office action objected to the abstract. Accordingly, a substitute abstract is enclosed which the objected expression (comprising) have been deleted and which has less than 150 words. The new abstract now incorporates subject-matter originally presented at page 3, 1st paragraph, of the original disclosure.

Other amendments to the specification

New paragraphs commensurate in scope with the pending independent claims 1 and 14 have been entered in the summary.

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In view of the above, the application is now believed in condition for immediate allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. In the event that there remain any questions concerning this response or the application in general, the Examiner is cordially invited to communicate with the undersigned counsel for applicant so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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